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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr PANNELLA, Mrs MACCIOCCHI and
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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the creation of an extraordinary supplementary
budget for 1981 for action by the European
Community to combat starvation in the world.

The European Parliament,

- considering that
 - deaths by starvation and malnutrition in the world are continuing and becoming more serious,
 - forecasts made by the FAO, the WFP, the World Food Council and a large number of governments and research institutes in the countries concerned paint an ever more worrying picture of the ability of a large proportion of the less-developed countries where the problem of hunger is most acute to meet their own food requirements since the expected harvest will be much smaller than had been hoped,
 - considering that, in addition to this, there is a tendency on the part of some industrialized countries not only to reduce their public development aid, particularly when this is supplied through specialized international agencies, but at the same time to push up their military spending, which again naturally puts pressure on the developing countries,
 - noting the deadlock, at least for the present time, of the global North-South negotiations and the UN General Assembly's strategy for a third development decade and in view of the forthcoming Paris Conference on the 31 least-developed countries and the summit of 21 heads of state and of government representing all the political systems and geographical areas of the world taking place next October in Mexico City,
- 1. Asks the Commission to draw up an emergency plan for immediate action to ensure the survival for at least 12 months of at least five million people who will otherwise surely die of starvation and malnutrition, this plan to take effect from the beginning of autumn 1981. Asks the Commission, furthermore, to submit this plan no later than 30 days after the adoption of the present resolution;
- 2. Asks the Commission to draw up an extraordinary supplementary budget for 1981 of 5,000,000,000 EUA to be financed by special weighted contributions from the Member States in order to create the technical and financial means to carry out the emergency plan and asks it to submit the draft to the Council no later than forty-five days after the adoption of the present resolution;
- 3. Asks that the Community request that mandatory and binding legal force be given to the documents issuing from the meetings in Paris on 1-12 September and Mexico City on 22/23 October in order to give immediate effect to the commitments given by the governments on these occasions;

4. Asks for particular stress to be laid on the survival of the population of the 31 least-developed countries and for maximum priority to be given to finance to enable food and health needs to be met and to the creation of infrastructures and structures allowing self-sufficiency in food to be achieved within the short-to-medium term;
5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the governments of the member countries.